

# Showers of Blessings

New babies are very high maintenance! Every new mom needs a little help getting all the things she needs to care for her baby. We want to provide the women who come to Hope Pregnancy Centers with as much as we can to show them how much God loves them and how much we appreciate them choosing life for their baby. Clients who participate in the *Earn While You Learn Program* attend classes where they meet one-on-one with a volunteer for lessons on prenatal care, baby development, newborn care, and parenting. By attending regularly, they have the opportunity to earn everything they need to care for a baby, from diapers and clothes to a crib and car seat.

## Who Will Benefit?

- Young women and men dealing with unplanned pregnancies – This project will help Hope Pregnancy Centers whose mission is to help young men and women have hope and choose life in the midst of an unplanned pregnancy. Each year, the centers experience approximately 8,000 client visits.
- Unborn Children – Approximately 80% of the young women who receive free ultrasounds choose life for their unborn child, and most men who see an ultrasound choose life.

## How Does It Work?

1. Just as you would host a church baby shower for a woman in your church, host a baby shower for the women that come to Hope Pregnancy Centers.



2. Invite all the women in the church and ask them to bring non-perishable items that will help these new moms care for their new babies.
3. Gender neutral gifts are preferred but gender specific gifts are welcome as well.
4. Things like lotions, creams, infant diapers, infant formula, infant bottles, bibs, and breast feeding items are really needed.
5. Have fun with it! Have snacks and games just as you would at a church member's shower! The more fun, the more people will come!

## Then What?

1. When the Baby Shower is over, announce that donations can still be made even if they couldn't make it to the shower.
2. The items can be brought to any Hope Pregnancy Center.

